उस स्थान से हटाने के समय आश्वासन दिया गया था कि झाझा में लोको-शैड के स्थान पर एक डीजल लोको शैड स्थापित किया जायेगा; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित डीजल लोको-शैड कब तक स्थापित किया जायेगा और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

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(क) और (ख) जी, हां

(ग) जी नहीं ;

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Purchase of various items by Visakhapatnam Shipyard

*427. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the purchases made by Visakhapatnam Shipyard during the last three years in respect of Electrodes, Paints Steel and Chain pulleys which are required for the construction of vessels;

(b) whether quotations were invited by the management from the dealers and if so, the details thereof alongwith the rates sumitted by each dealer for each item; and

(c) the names of the parties on whom, the orders were placed during the last three years alongwith the total payment made to each dealer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The total value of orders placed during the last three years (from 1-4-91 to 31-3-94) in respect of Electrodes, Steel, Paints and Pulleys for construction of vessels is given below :—

1.	Electrodes	Rs. 43.96 lakhs
2.	Paints	Rs. 87.23 lakhs
3.	Steel	Rs. 530.65 lakhs
4.	Chain Pulleys	—nil—

(b) Hindustan Shipyard Limited is procuring electrodes, steel and paints required for vessel construction only from the manufacturers and not from dealers.

(c) In view of the reply to part (b) of the question, the answer to this part is NIL.

"Pollution levels in Major Cities"

*428. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the pollution level of air, water, and sound in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Bangalore and Hyderabad is rising every year;

(b) if so, what are the levels of such pollution for these cities;

(c) what action has been taken to reduce such pollution levels; and

(d) how do these levels compare with the international normal standards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) In all the five cities the levels of air, water and noise pollution are showing an increasing trend due to rise in human population, automobile population and industrial activities.

(b) The levels of air and noise pollution are given in the annexure. [*See* appendix 170, annexure No. 89]

(c) A statement is laid on the table of the House, (*See* below).

(d) The levels of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen in all the five cities are